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Sir:

This paper is submitted as an inquiry as to the status of the application identified above.

More than one year has passed since the filing of this application on July 1, 2003, accompanied by a post-card receipt. A Filing Receipt was received September 30, 2003. An Assignment was faxed and recorded on October 7, 2004 and a power of attorney was filed July 1, 2003. A Notice of Publication was received February 26, 2004. No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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